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SECTION 1

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1 - Mr. B. A. Wells

SAC, New York

9-6-67

~~Director, FBI~~

NEGRO ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL UNION  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

Reurtel 8-28-67 captioned "Possible Racial  
Incident, Radio Station WMJR."

Conduct investigation necessary to obtain complete  
background information concerning captioned group, its  
officers, its key members, and its aims and objectives.  
Furnish this information to the Bureau in a form suitable  
for dissemination along with your recommendation as to  
whether further investigation is necessary.

1 - Newark

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NOTE:

Retel indicates that captioned group was recently  
formed. We have no information concerning it.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100- )

DATE: SEP 22 1967

FROM : PWB/Sm SAC, NEWARK (100-49688) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL UNION  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bureau letter to New York dated 9/6/67.

The only information in Newark indices relating to captioned organization is contained in Newark letterhead memorandum dated 8/25/67 and New York teletype dated 8/28/67 in the matter "POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENT, RADIO STATION WNJR, LOCATED UNION AVENUE, UNION, N.J., 8/27/67, RM."

Inasmuch as no investigation is indicated for Newark and since captioned organization appears to be located in New York City, Newark contemplates no action at this time.

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2 - New York (RM)  
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(1-157-2219 (Radio Station WNJR))

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# Memorandum

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ( )  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161139) (P)

DATE: 10/24/67

SUBJECT:  
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~~NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC UNION~~  
~~IS-MISCELLANEOUS~~  
(OO:NEW YORK)

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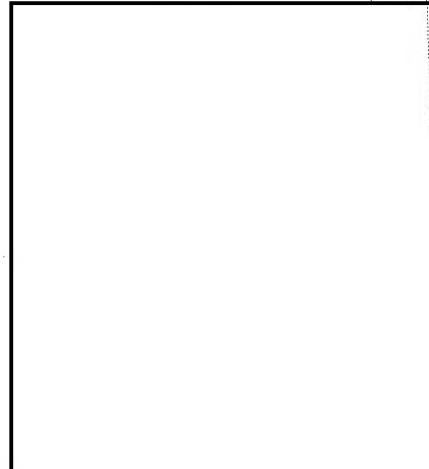
Title is changed to reflect correct name of captioned organization as it appears in Manhattan Telephone Directory.

ReBulet to NY dated 9/6/67.

There is no listing in the Manhattan Telephone Directory for the Negro Economic and Industrial Union. However the Negro Industrial and Economic Union (NIEU) is listed at 2409 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY, telephone number 283-8195.

NYO indices reflect no references identifiable with above organization.

No credit information was available concerning NIEU. The following security and racial informants were contacted negatively concerning the NIEU in September and October, 1967:



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Additional informants are being contacted and investigation will be continued discreetly at 2409 Seventh Ave., NYC, to develop information concerning captioned organization.

2-Bureau (RM) *REC'D 10-24-67*  
1-Newark (100-49688)  
1-New York

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: NOV 22 1967

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161139) P.

SUBJECT: NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS  
(OO:NY)

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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 10/24/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are copies of LHM in above matter.

EUGENE SCOTT furnished information to SAS HENRY RASK and VINCENT J. ASCHERL. LAWRENCE D. MORAN furnished information to SA ASCHERL.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK. Security and racial informants contacted with reference to the NIEU, in addition to those set forth in referenced NYlet to Bureau, 10/24/67, are the following:

[redacted]  
Confidential source referred to in attached LHM is [redacted]. This LHM is classified "Confidential" since unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to this informant might impair his future effectiveness and such impairment can have an adverse effect on the National Defense.

[redacted] advised on 11/7/67 that from information he developed at Harry-Act NYC, he was led to believe that the NIEU originated at Chicago, Illinois some time ago under the leadership of JIM BROWN, football player. The organization's original purpose was to unite professional athletes in an organization which would explore ways and means to aid the Negro to achieve greater economic and industrial status. The NIEU opened a branch in NY but this effort here did not last.

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- 2-Bureau (Encl. 8) (RM)  
2-Chicago(Encl. 2) (RM)  
2-Los Angeles(Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)  
1-New York (100-156696) (ED ELLIS) 43  
1-New York (100-158773) (BLACK PANTHER PARTY) 43  
1-New York AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], SEC. SERV.,  
[redacted] : TSD, CRD, RAO  
VJA:jmn HOW FORW: Washington 12/11/67  
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Chicago is requested to search its indices under the name of captioned organization and furnish information concerning its background, operation and principal officers in a form suitable for dissemination, if such information is available in the Chicago files.

NYO indices reflect no pertinent subversive characterizations identifiable with the individuals mentioned as affiliated with the NIEU.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

NOV 22 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NYfile 100-161139

Negro Industrial and Economic Union  
(NIEU)  
Internal Security-Miscellaneous

Eugene Scott, Superintendent, 2409 7th Avenue, New York City (NYC), furnished the following information on November 2, 1967:

The NIEU was the last group that occupied the basement room at 2409 7th Avenue, NYC. This group occupied the premises for a period of about three weeks during the Summer, 1967, and then abruptly departed from the premises. Mr. Scott stated that he had no information to furnish concerning the NIEU or persons connected with it. He stated the basement room at 2409 is presently unoccupied. Before the NIEU, the tenant occupying the premises was the Black Panther Party (BPP) and their sign reading Black Panther Party still hangs over the entrance door to the basement room at 2409 7th Avenue.

The BPP is characterized in the Appendix.

Mr. Scott displayed a sign formerly utilized by the NIEU which listed the following participants in this activity:

"Lew Alcindor, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Emmett Bryant, New York Knicks, Vince Shomi, Tony Anthony". Mr. Scott made available literature abandoned by the NIEU at the time of their departure which reflected that Jimmy Brown "ex-football star" was carried as national chairman of the NIEU. Included in this literature was a press release undated, issued by the NIEU which contains the following information:

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Negro Industrial and Economic Union (NIEU)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"This evening the Negro Industrial and Economic Union kicked off its summer program for youth in New York City with speeches, refreshments and sign-ups at its Harlem office at 2409 7th Avenue. The NIEU was founded last year by Jim Brown, who now serves as is national chairman. The organization is dedicated to assisting black people to increase their economic standard of living through establishing new businesses, lending management planning to public and private economic projects in black communities and providing other community services relating to the upgrading of the economic standards of black Americans. Since its inception, the NIEU has been flooded with proposals for business ventures from Negro businessmen and public and private organizations.

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"In the current summer project in New York City, the NIEU will work with black youth from 10 to 15 years old and will attempt to increase their awareness of the importance of economic development for black Americans. It will involve youth in Harlem, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens in basic economic projects. Youth in Harlem will sell and through this activity learn the basic factors of business management and responsibility. Youth in other areas will canvass selected commercial areas to learn of business problems and prospects in their community. The youth will be supervised by young adults who are well known in their local communities. The youth will also enjoy sports activities and trips. At intervals during the summer they will be visited by several stars from the athletic world who are members of the NIEU across the nation. Emmette Bryant of the New York Knickerbockers will help coordinate the New York summer program, and Lew Alcindor, UCLA basketball star will work with the youth during the summer. Jim Brown will attend an activities day later in the program to review the youth's progress in their economic projects.

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Negro Industrial and Economic Union (NIEU)

"The NIEU summer project is one of a series of projects for youth sponsored by the Mayor's office of New York City. The NIEU accepted the city's repeated offers to participate because it wants to test and prove to the community its belief that economic progress in black communities can be initiated by people of all ages and backgrounds, who will come together and will work for the economic good of their community. This summer project will prove to the NIEU whether or not it can work from the "grassroots" up as well as from top management down in the process of economic self-help by and for black Americans".

The following excerpts pertaining to the nature and program of the NIEU are quoted from a brochure entitled "Negro Industrial and Economic Union":

Item Number III in the brochure listed ten areas of concentration throughout the City of New York for the NIEU Youth Program. Item Number IV discusses the following objectives of the programs to be carried on in the areas of concentration:

- A. Isolating and Understanding Problems of Their Environment.
- B. Understanding the World in Which They Live.
- C. Developing Programs in Each of the Interested Areas.
- D. Expressing What They Think and Feel, Have Seen and Learned.
- E. Isolating and Understanding Interests, Abilities and Needs of the Individual Group Member.

Item V discusses the breakdown of program personnel and their duties. The above brochure did not identify any of the individuals participating in the program by name.

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Negro Industrial and Economic Union (NIEU)

~~NN~~ Lawrence D. Moran, owner of building at 2409 7th Avenue, NYC, advised on November 6, 1967, that he is not acquainted with the NIEU or with any individuals connected with it. He stated the basement room at 2409 7th Avenue was leased about a year ago to Panther Public Relations and the representative of this group with whom he dealt was Ed Ellis. Mr. Moran stated that Panther Public Relations paid their rent for the first two or three months and have since discontinued paying rent; however, the lease is not due to expire for another two years. Mr. Moran has taken no action against Panther Public Relations for non-payment of rent and is aware that he could if he chose re-rent the premises. However, he stated he is letting the matters stand the way they are.

Confidential sources, who are familiar with racial matters in the New York area, advised in October and November, 1967, that they had no information to furnish concerning the NIEU.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department (NYCPD), checked October 30, 1967, reflected no information concerning the NIEU.

A confidential source advised on July 13, 1967, that Eddie Ellis was known to him at that time as a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

RAM is characterized in the Appendix. ~~NN~~

Confidential sources referred to in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory contains no listing for the Negro Industrial and Economic Union.

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Negro Industrial and Economic Union (NIEU

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, NEW YORK  
(BPPNY)

A first source advised on August 3, 1966, that MAXWELL CURTIS STANFORD, a leader of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) in New York City, planned a caucus meeting for August 4, 1966, the purpose of which would be the formation of a nucleus of a branch of the Black Panther Party in New York City.

MAXWELL CURTIS STANFORD has been characterized in the characterization of the Revolutionary Action Movement.

A second source, on August 3, 1966, made available an undated memorandum bearing the heading "The Black Panther" which stated "One People - One Aim - One Destiny". This memorandum stated in part that the "Black Panther is seeking human rights, political and economic power for Black America through Black independent political action. When we say Black independent political action, we mean action that is not tied to whitey in any way, manner, shape or form."

The second source advised on September 7, 1966, that as of that date, the address of the BPPNY was 2409 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York.

The second source advised on December 1, 1966, that as of that date, there had been no known activity on the part of the BPPNY in New York City for several weeks due to a split of power among two ruling groups of the BPPNY, the majority of whom were active with RAM.

A third source advised on January 3, 1967, that the BPPNY had their telephone disconnected due to having financial problems.

The second source advised on January 30, 1967, and again on May 2, 1967, that as of the above dates, the BPPNY was out of existence.

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Negro Industrial and Economic Union (NIEU)

APPENDIX

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (CONTINUED)

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin". FREEMAN served as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD (now of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) serving as RAM Field Chairman.

On May 12, 1967, a third source advised that the RAM still remains active; however, there is no formal headquarters, as such, for the RAM. The source advised that MAXWELL STANFORD of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is considered the leader of RAM and if a RAM headquarters ever existed, it will most likely be where STANFORD resides.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

DATE: 1/24 /68

FROM : *WJ/M* SAC, CHICAGO (157-2407) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *for*  
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*1/24/68*  
*NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND*  
*ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)*  
*IS - MISCELLANEOUS*  
OO: New York

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Re New York letter and LHM to Bureau dated 11/22/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM captioned as above and suitable for dissemination. Inasmuch as New York and Los Angeles have an interest in this matter, they are being furnished copies for information purposes.

All the information disclosed in attached LHM is contained in the files of the Chicago Division.

The informants who advised in January, 1966, they do not believe Jimmy Brown to be a member of the Nation of Islam were:



AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SER.  
BY: TSD, SMC, RAO, SMC, CMC  
DATE FORW: 1/24/68  
HOW FORW: TEL/C  
RECEIVED BY: TSD, SMC, RAO, SMC, CMC

Inasmuch as no further leads are outstanding in the Chicago Division, this case is being closed in an RUC status.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 24, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 157-2407

NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND  
ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to New York memorandum dated November 22, 1967, and captioned as above.

The January 14, 1966, edition of the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," a local daily newspaper, contained an article entitled "Business Interests Grow, Brown Hints Retirement," as a headline in the Sports Section. This article indicates that Jimmy Brown, nationally known football star with the Cleveland Browns, National Football League football team, Calif., had hinted in Los Angeles prior to the Pro-Bowl game that this might be his final football game. This article indicated this subject came up in an interview in Los Angeles where Brown talked about two of his business ventures.

The article stated Brown, Cassius Clay and four <sup>III.</sup> other men have organized Main Bout, Incorporated, an outfit that will handle closed circuit television and ancillary rights to major boxing matches. The first venture, the article stated, will be the heavyweight champion bout, March 10, 1966, in Chicago, where Clay defends his title against Ernie Terrell. The other organization was indicated to be the Negro Industrial and Economic Union (NIEU) to be organized for the purpose of producing capital for Negro businessmen.

The article stated that Brown said the Main Bout, Incorporated, definitely was not a Clay or Black Muslim idea and proceeds from Main Bout would be invested in Negro businessmen and organizations with the hope of strengthening the economy of the Negro. In referring to both the Main Bout, Incorporated, and NIEU, Brown explained

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**RE: NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND  
ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)**

"Negroes don't own business - big or small. So they don't produce. I feel I must accept this challenge to help my people and they must accept the challenge to help themselves."

The article concluded by stating Brown was "not a member of the Muslim sect but says he has nothing against any religion as long as people go into it voluntarily."

Sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are acquainted with some phases of the Nation of Islam (NOI) in Cleveland, advised in January, 1966, that they know Jimmy Brown personally and do not believe him to be a member of the NOI.

A characterization of the NOI is set forth in the appendix pages of this memorandum. Sources utilized have furnished reliable information in the past.

On March 1, 1966, an article in the Sports Section of the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" written by sportswriter Charles Heaton attacked Cassius Clay for his outburst to his possible induction into the Armed Forces. In this article Heaton stated Jimmy Brown had been seen on television at the time Clay was making his "apology" before the Boxing Commission in Illinois for some remarks he had made. Heaton indicated Jimmy Brown was a friend of Cassius Clay for several years, but had become contaminated because of this association and although Brown's goals were good, both Brown and the NIEU were tarnished by the association with this self-tagged draft dodger.

In a subsequent article by Charles Heaton (March 8, 1966, edition of the "Plain Dealer"), Charles Heaton devoted his daily sports column to allow Jimmy Brown and his business associates to present their rebuttal to the allegation that Brown and the NIEU were contaminated because of their association with Cassius Clay. This article quoted Jimmy Brown as stating, "Cassius and I are friends, but he never has tried to influence me toward the Muslim religion. I would be less of a man if I tried to run away from him now." Brown continued to state: "The things he is saying (concerning the draft) do not appeal to me, but my association with the champion has nothing to do with the NIEU. In business you must deal with many kinds of people."

RE: NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND  
ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)

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An article in the "Cleveland Press," a local daily newspaper, dated November 29, 1965, indicated that a paternity suit had been filed in the Juvenile Court, Cleveland, Ohio, charging Jimmy Brown to be the father of an unborn child of Brenda Ayres, age 18, of Cleveland, OHIO. This article indicated Miss Ayres had previously charged Brown with assault and battery in an east side motel with the jury in the Municipal Court later finding Brown innocent. An article in the "Cleveland Press" on February 23, 1966, indicated Miss Brenda Ayres, who had accused Jimmy Brown of fathering her unborn child, was filing a civil suit against him based on her assault and battery charge against him in 1965. The article indicated Miss Ayres was expecting her child in late February, 1966.

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An article appearing in "Muhammad Speaks," a weekly newspaper published by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 17, 1967, and captioned "Negro Players on Browns Football Team Back Congressman Powell at Detroit Rally," disclosed that Negro members of the Cleveland Browns football team, who are also members of the NIEU, appeared at a public meeting in Detroit to boost support for a one day general strike on Febrary 13, 1967. The one day strike was to protest alleged double standards in Congress with relation to the refusal of Congress to seat Adam Clayton Powell. This article relates the football stars decided to come and were led by Walter Beach, the Browns corner backer. A representative of Jimmy Brown's union appeared with the Reverend C. L. Franklin and other religious and civic leaders who are not identified. This article does not identify the football players who appeared at this meeting.

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An article in the "Chicago Daily News," a major Chicago daily newspaper, dated June 5, 1967, and captioned "Athletes Fail to Sway Clay," disclosed a meeting at the headquarters of NIEU was held on June 4, 1967, with Cassius Clay, former Cleveland fullback Jimmy Brown, UCLA's basketball star Lew Alcindor, Boston Celtic's Bill Russell, and ~~Mass~~, seven other athletes. The article disclosed Brown described the meeting as a "heated" discussion with Clay about his position concerning his induction into the Armed Forces. Brown arranged the meeting and said, "We heard his (Clay's) views and know he is completely sincere in his beliefs." The article disclosed Clay ignored the arguments of fellow Negro athletes and stood firm on his refusal to serve in the United States Army.

**RE: NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND  
ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)**

An article in the "New Crusade," a weekly newspaper published on the south side of Chicago, Illinois, dated June 10, 1967, and captioned "Adamant Clay Refuses to Back Down," discloses the same information as mentioned above concerning the meeting of Brown and Clay with other athletes relative to Clay's position on the draft. This article, however, identifies those in attendance which included Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics, John Wooten <sup>OB10</sup> of the Cleveland Browns, Gayle Sayers of the Chicago Bears, <sup>OB10</sup> Bobby Mitchell of the Washington Redskins and Lew Alcindor of the UCLA basketball team.

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A confidential source, an agency which collects intelligence data in the Chicago area, advised it has no record concerning the NIEU or its members, as of January 18, 1968.

Cassius Clay, also known as Muhammad Ali, is self-described as a member of the NOI and a follower of Elijah Muhammad.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1967, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam(NoI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448040)

DATE: 1/31/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161139) P.

SUBJECT: NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)  
IS-MISC  
(OO:NY)

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ReNYlet to Bu, dated 11/22/67.

NYO has developed no additional information respecting the NIEU than has been already set forth in referenced communication. Information developed through informant coverage indicates that this organization is inactive at the present time in NY area.

Chicago is requested to advise whether captioned organization has been the subject of investigation in their division and to furnish pertinent information from their indices concerning the organization's background, operation and principal officers. Positive information developed should be furnished in a form suitable for dissemination.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448040) DATE: MAR 26 1968

FROM : *JFM/PB* SAC, NEW YORK (100-161139) P.

SUBJECT: NEGRO INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS  
(OO:NEW YORK)

Re New York letters to Bureau dated 11/22/67,  
and 1/31/68.

No additional information concerning the NIEU has been developed by the NYO through informant coverage. As previously reported, the NIEU is inactive in the NYO area. Chicago is requested to advise whether this organization is Chicago-based so that it may be RUC'd at the present time.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448040)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161139) C.

SUBJECT: NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC UNION (NIEU)  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS  
(OO: NEW YORK)

DATE: 5/29/68

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Re NY let to Bureau 3/26/68, copies to Chicago.

In view of the inactivity of captioned organization and since no additional information concerning it has been developed, Chicago is requested to discontinue. The matter is being closed at this time at NYO.

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## Office to Aid Negro Business

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Former Cleveland Brown fullback Jim Brown yesterday helped to open the Anacostia office of the Black Economic Union, a national corporation that promotes Negro businesses.

Formerly known as the Negro Industrial and Economic Union and the Black Economic Union, the organization changed its name officially yesterday because "the Negro is dead and the black man is alive," Brown said.

The football player-turned-actor founded the organization two years ago to help obtain loans and assistance for struggling businessmen.

"We recognize the need for a nonprofit, black economic power base," he said.

In Washington, Arthur J. Mitchell will direct a staff of five professionals and 17 volunteer businessmen. Mitchell says he has been negotiating

with local banks to help secure loans for entrepreneurs.

Consumer-education and management-training programs are planned for early next year, Mitchell said.

About \$50,000 has been raised to finance the new Washington office, at 3230 Pennsylvania ave. se.

In other cities where the Union has offices, including Kansas City, Cleveland, New York and Los Angeles, the organization has helped develop franchises and some manufacturing and retail ventures.

Among the persons on the local advisory board are Theodore Robert Haggans Jr., head of the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce; U.S. Marshal Luke C. Moore, journalist Simeon Booker and Bobby Mitchell, Redskins' football player.

Attending yesterday's opening were dozens of local residents, several members of the Redskins and government officials.

Officials included Mayor Walter E. Washington, Wiley A. Branton, head of the United Planning Organization, Howard Samuels, head of the Small Business Administration, and the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, vice chairman of the City Council.

Brown said the Black Economic Union hopes to "give small businessmen a chance," as well as helping sponsor local industry. His group has received funds from the Ford Foundation and the Economic Development Administration.

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